



AUDITORS REPORT

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FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

Town of Landaff

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1886.

LISBON, N. H. :
H. B. Heath's Steam Job Print.
1886.

AUDITORS REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1886,

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RECEIPTS INTO THE TREASURY.

S. A. Eaton Treasurer for 1884,	\$ 132 96
Savory Gordon Collector for 1883,	100 00
“ “ 1884,	571 00
Amount of town tax bill,	2515 73
Savings Bank tax,	469 36
Railroad tax,	40 78
Literary fund,	75 03
County of Grafton pauper claim,	159 58
State of N. H., bounty on woodchucks,	15 90
Redemption, C. L. King's land sale,	32 87
Interest on Errol note, 1884 and 1885,	78 00
Savory Gordon, 10 per cent interest,	10 00
Henry Dawse, highway tax,	3 38
H. D. Titus, “	1 88
Julia A. Noyes, “	9 00
W. P. Bronson, “	2 25
	\$4217 72

EXPENDITURES.

Bonds and coupons due Aug. 1, 1885.	\$904 12
State tax,	464 00
County tax,	466 51
	\$1834 63

SCHOOL TAX.

School order Center district,	\$ 159 63
“ district No. 1,	128 82
“ “ 2,	116 18
“ “ 3,	156 76
“ “ 4,	61 61

School order district No. 5,	33 01
“ “ “ 9,	22 00
Lisbon Village,	26 42
	\$7 04 43

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Wm. Howland,	\$63 84
Major Little's children,	74 79
Cooper Little,	68 52
Eben Brooks,	16 94
Geo. O. Eastman,	36 57
Mrs. Wm. Dexter,	82 00
	\$342 66

TOWN PAUPERS.

Mrs. Wm. C. Noyes,	\$26 86
Wm. C. Noyes' children,	68 06
Stanley boy,	23 08
	\$118 00

SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Moses Whitcher, 1st Selectman,	\$26 00
Fred E. Cogswell, 2nd Selectman,	23 25
A. J. Flanders, 3rd Selectman,	18 75
S. A. Eaton, Treasurer,	20 00
S. A. Eaton, Town Clerk,	13 60
John E. Hall, School Committee,	25 00
Moses Whitcher, Overseer of Poor,	9 00
Savory Gordon, Collector,	15 43
Savory Gordon, Supervisor,	3 00
Auditors,	4 50
	\$158 53

MISCELLANEOUS.

C. H. Boynton, returning births and deaths, 1884,	\$ 1 00
Savory Gordon, care of vestry,	3 00
Trustees M. E. Church, rent of vestry,	10 00
Savory Gordon, abatement 1884,	1 56
H. B. Heath, Printing Town Reports,	12 00
E. B. Mann, blank books,	4 44
Whitcher & Kendall, lumber,	8 33
C. H. Boynton, returning births and deaths,	1 50
O. H. Boynton, “ “	1 75
J. B. Noyes, damage to sheep by dogs,	20 16

S. A. Eaton, damage to sheep by dogs,	1 84
M. D. Albee, " "	2 00
James Eaton, " "	4 00
Moses Whitcher, bounty on woodchucks,	3 50
F. E. Cogswell, " "	9 00
A. J. Flanders, " "	2 80
Repairing committee, 4th school district,	15 00
" Center district,	50 00
O. E. Young, watering place,	1 50
J. K. P. Young, " "	3 00
Moses Whitcher, " 2 years,	4 50
Orrin Young, abatement of tax, 1884,	1 56
Warren Wheeler, " 1884,	1 56
W. C. Huntoon, " 1883,	2 20
R. M. Herrin, " 1885,	1 06
A. J. Flanders, money paid H. Gagne,	2 64
O. H. Boynton, bill collected from County last year,	7 10
D. D. & A. E. Mace, work on road,	6 00
J. B. & R. Chandler, " and lumber,	10 39
Daniel Whitcher, " "	26 69
H. D. Noyes, " "	1 25
L. C. Merrill, " "	1 25
Elmer Bowles, " "	3 00
W. F. Torsey, " "	9 50
B. C. Spooner, " "	14 00
Herbert Gagne, " "	17 27
Edgar F. Howland, " "	1 50
Herbert Gagne, " "	25 88
F. P. Morse, " "	2 75
A. J. Flanders, " "	3 50
" " "	37 62
L. H. Parker, " "	25 20
Edwin Moulton, " "	12 50
L. D. Williams, " "	8 89
W. T. Wright, " "	6 00
L. D. Williams, " "	3 75
H. A. Ball, " "	1 00
Horace Jones, " "	6 00
Walter Stimpson, " "	1 75
A. J. Flanders, " "	4 50
W. W. Eastman, " "	2 00
Geo. W. Mann, " "	5 00
Cogswell Bros. " "	2 75
Moses Whitcher, " "	15 00
F. D. Merrill, " "	75
Rufus Chandler, " and lumber,	5 00

John C. Atwood, bridge plank,	7 00
A. J. Flanders, building Williams road,	39 00
Savory Gordon, Non resident tax worked out,	2 25

\$485 94

Total Receipts,	\$4217 72
Due S. A. Eaton, Treasurer,	82 20

\$4299 92

Total Expenditures,	\$3644 19
In hands of Savory Gordon, Collector,	655 73

\$4299 92

Indebtedness due local school fund,	\$250 00
Due S. A. Eaton,, Treas, (paid out more than rec.,)	82 20

\$332 20

AVAILABLE ASSETS.

Due from County of Grafton,	\$342 66
In hands of S. Gordon, Collector for 1884,	332 12
“ “ “ 1885,	655 73

\$1330 51

UNAVAILABLE ASSETS.

Town of Errol note,	{	Local	}	\$650 00
Town of Landaff,	{	School Fund	}	250 00
				\$900 00

MOSES WHITCHER, FIRST SELECTMAN.

1885.			
Mar.	30,	filling out inventory blanks,	\$2 00
Apr.	4,	4 days taking invoice,	6 00
	16,	copying invoice,	1 50
		3 days making taxes,	4 50
May	2,	1-2 day delivering highway bills,	75
		1-2 day at Kelsea crossing,	75
June	2,	1 day to Dansville about roads,	1 50
	13,	1-2 day getting help on road,	75
	20,	copying invoice,	3 00
Sept.	10,	1-2 day laying road,	75
Dec.	29,	1-2 day revising juror box,	75

1886.

Feb.	20,	1-2	day warning town meeting,	75
	26,	1	day settling claims,	1 50
	27,	1	day with Auditors,	1 50

 \$26 00

F. E. COGSWELL, SECOND SELECTMAN.

1885.

Apr.	7,	4	1-2 days taking inventory,	\$6 75
		1	day to Woodsville,	1 50
	16,	1	day copying invoice,	1 50
	22,	3	days making taxes	4 50
May	2,	1-2	day at Kelsea crossing,	75
	12,	1	day filling out surveyors books,	1 50
	30,	1-2	day at Kelsea crossing,	75
Sept.	10,	1-2	day laying out roads,	75
	19,	1-2	day surveying road,	75
Dec.	29,	1-2	day revising juror box,	75

1886.

Feb.	20,	1-2	day making out warrants,	75
	26,	1	day settling claims,	1 50
	27,	1	day with Auditors,	1 50

 \$23 25

A. J. FLANDERS, THIRD SELECTMAN.

1885.

Apr.	4,	4	days taking inventory,	\$6 00
	22,	3	days making taxes	4 50
May	30,	1-2	day at Kelsea crossing,	75
June	1,	1-2	day on Bunga road,	75
Sept.	10,	1-2	day at laying road,	75
	19,	1-2	" "	75
	26,	1-2	day to see about repairing road,	75
Dec.	29,	1-2	day revising juror box,	75

1886.

Feb.	20,	1-2	day warning town meeting,	75
	26,	1	day settling claims,	1 50
	27,	1	day with Auditors,	1 50

 \$18 50

S. A. EATON, TOWN CLERK.

To 35 pages copy,	\$5 95
Recording 12 births, 2 marriages and 9 deaths,	3 45

Drawing Jurors Sept, term, 1885.	1 50
“ March term, 1886,	1 00
Enrollment,	50
6 burial permits,	90
Postage and Stationary,	30
	\$13 60

We find the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer have been kept with remarkable accuracy and clearness, with vouchers for all expenditures. There are some bills against the town which were not presented owing probably, in part, to the bad state of the roads when selectmen were settling. Our report shows that the town is now out of debt, with quite a balance due from county and in hands of collector.

H. H. COGSWELL, }
 MOSES G. CLARK, } Auditors.

R E P O R T

OF THE

Supt'g School Committee.

In the discharge of my duties I have endeavored to carefully look after the details, and have made such suggestions to teachers and scholars as, in my judgment, would best subserve the interests of education. I think Prudential Committees have earnestly tried to procure the best teachers possible for the price they could pay, and they have in the main been successful. They have also seasonably notified me of the time of the commencement and close of the schools in their districts, and teachers have been careful to secure certificates before beginning their schools. Failures to comply with the plain provisions of the law in these two particulars have been a fruitful source of annoyance to the School Committee each year. It gives me pleasure to notice another great improvement and that is, the absence of tardy marks in the school registers. Only a few years ago these marks were a fearful blot upon the pages of the school records, and told only too plainly of the apathy of parents and scholars in school matters. Now they are only the rare exceptions. I think, too, that there has been great improvement in the matter of regular attendance. There are now comparatively few absent marks. Pupils seem to appreciate the necessity of being present every day, in order to realize the full benefit of the school. There are still a few exceptions to this, principally among the smaller scholars. Parents should carefully consider this matter. Do not let the child's inclination determine the matter, but let it be the fixed rule that the child is to attend school every day, unless sickness, or some other unavoidable cause renders it impossible. If your child cannot go to school more than one or two days in a week, let him or her stay away entirely, for they cannot keep along with their classes, get discouraged

themselves, become a source of annoyance to the teacher, and cover the record with unsightly marks. Again, do not forget to manifest a little interest in their work at school. Even if you cannot spend time with them in their studies, a few well directed questions in regard to their progress will be a wonderful stimulant to their efforts. If I, as a teacher, have two pupils of equal mental abilities, I can accomplish more with the one in six weeks, if my efforts are supplemented by a little encouragement to the child at home, than I can with the other in eight weeks if no such encouragement is given.

I have visited every school in town twice during each term, and the progress of the scholars has been satisfactory, in some of the schools eminently so. Some of the summer terms and all of the winter terms, with one exception, were under the instruction of those whose names are already familiarly and favorably known to you as successful teachers. Their work in the school room has already received favorable comments in former school reports, and I can only reaffirm what has already been said of them. Their names appear in the appended table. It has seemed to me that the scholars have felt a keener interest in their studies than ever before. A few of the classes deserve special mention for their proficiency. Among these I may mention: In district number 3 the class in Common School Arith. and the class in Geometry. In thoroughness of detail and comprehensiveness, I have never seen their work excelled. In district number 1, the class in Algebra, and in district number 2, the class in Grammar did remarkably well. In the Center district while disclaiming any special credit for the teacher, I think the class in Algebra, and also in the National Arith. deserve much praise for their close and persistent study. In speaking of these classes, let me not be understood as discriminating against any of the other schools or classes. The summer schools, almost without exception, were models of excellency and great credit is due to both teachers and pupils.

There was a fall term in four of the districts, which helped very materially in awakening the interest of the scholars, and placing the aggregate of improvement far ahead of what it would have been with only two terms. I believe no investment yields a quicker or larger dividend than a little addition to the amount of our school money.

There seems to be a good deal of antagonism felt towards the new school law, but it has already had one good effect, even before being put in operation, and that is, to get people to think upon these matters. I have no fears about the education of our children, if the matter is brought home to us in such a way that

we are obliged to act. Apathy in the matter is what we have most to fear. No one at the present time questions the necessity of doing all we can to raise the standard of education for our children, and although our acts may not always be the wisest or best, there is no great danger that we shall deliberately go wrong for any great length of time. I counsel you to be charitable in your judgment of the new system, and of the actions of those whom you may elect to put it in operation. Let them be men (or women) in whose abilities and judgment you have confidence and then give them a fair chance. Rest assured that whatever course they may take with our schools, they will do only those things which shall seem to them to be for the best interests of the town.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

School.	Teacher.	No. of weeks.	No. of scholars,	Average attendance.	Whole No.	Wages per month.
Center.	{ Alice Page,	8	19	18	29	\$15 80
	{ J. E. Hall,	8	21	20		25 26
	{ J. E. Hall,	11	28	28		25 26
No. 1.	{ Nellie M. Eastman,	6	12	11	23	19 00
	{ Angie M. Richardson,	6	16	10		18 00
	{ C. C. Whiteher,	10	20	18		25 50
No. 2.	{ Hattie C. Poor,	8	11	9	18	12 00
	{ Hattie C. Poor,	7	11	9		13 00
	{ Blanche G. Clark,	13	16	15		19 00
No. 3.	{ Nellie E. Woolson,	8	25	23	39	15 00
	{ Nellie M. Eastman,	8	37	35		19 00
	{ H. H. Clark,	12	29	27		30 00
No. 4.	{ Minnie A. Prescott,	10	22	18	23	15 00
	{ Blanche G. Clark,	9	18	18		14 00
No. 5.	Arvilla F. Clement,	11	4	4	4	10 00
No. 9.	Lillian Wilmot,	6	Register not returned.			

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following are the names of those who have been present every half day of a term without being tardy.

SUMMER TERM.

Anna Dell Eaton.	Grace M. Titus.	Mabel M. Bronson.
Minnie C. Rich.	Nellie S. Spooner.	Ella M. Woods.
Lizzie M. Bartlett.	Ella B. Clark.	Maud E. Clark.
Ida M. Clark.	Susie W. Poor.	Grace B. Webster.
Eva Noyes.	Sadie L. Merrill.	Susie B. Spooner.
Emma D. Ball.	M. Bell Bartlett.	Edith C. Clark.
Hattie A. Clark.	Ida M. Dexter.	Jennie L. Chandler
Effie E. King.	Carrie E. Hall.	
Amos N. Albee.	Scott L. Lynde.	Perry J. Poor.
John W. Whitcher.	Lawrence Bronson.	Henry E. Gordon.
Lester G. Lynde.	Percy H. Poor.	Stark F. Whitcher.
Bertie Ball.	Leon E. Noyes,	Gerold T. Clark.
	Leroy Noyes.	

FALL TERM.

Anna Dell Eaton.	Emma R. Poor.	Grace B. Webster.
Melinda A. Simonds.	Della M. Noyes.	Alice Ball.
Edith C. Clark.	Maud E. Clark.	Ellen E. Stimson.
Ella M. Woods.	Mary L. Poor.	Susie W. Poor.
Mary A. Whitcher.	Lizzie A. Titus.	Emma D. Ball.
Etta B. Clark.	Hattie A. Clark.	Ida M. Dexter.
Grace M. Clement.	Dora Clement.	Carrie Sherman.
Emilie McConnell.	Arvilla Clement.	Carrie E. Hall.
	Mary C. Noyes.	
Amos N. Albee.	Jessie H. Gordon.	Perry J. Poor.
Stark F. Whitcher.	Harvey A. Young.	Bertie Ball.
Geo. F. Clement.	Henry E. Gordon.	Harry E. Poor.
Jhon W. Whitcher.	Frank E. Bronson.	Carl A. Young.
Gerold T. Clark.	Scott E. Williams.	

WINTER TERM.

Anna Dell Eaton.	Susie W. Poor.	Minnie C. Rich.
Blanche A. Spooner.	Emma R. Poor.	Carrie E. Hall.
Grace L. Johnson.	Jennie L. Whitcher.	Carrie Sherman.
Bertie Ball.	Henry E. Gordon.	Perry J. Poor.
Burton W. Rich.	Sidney W. Eaton.	Jessie H. Gordon.
John W. Whitcher.	Harry H. Hall.	Arthur G. Noyes.

The Statistical Table and Roll of Honor are necessarily incomplete on account of my not having the Register of district number 9, at hand.

J. E. HALL, Committee.

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